

b.) Remarks

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended in order to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. Additionally, new claims 22-27 are presented in order to more specifically recite various preferred embodiments of the present invention. For the Examiner's convenience, claim 1 is now particularly directed towards the embodiment of Figure 10(a) and claim 21 is now particularly directed towards the embodiment of Figure 10(b). Claim 22 is directed towards the embodiment of Figure 10(c).

The subject matter of the amendment may be found in the specification as filed, from page 22, line 21 to page 23, line 17. Additionally, new claims 23-27 mirror claims 2-6, respectively. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-6 and 21 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mimura (U.S. Patent No. 6,318,866) in view of Malek (U.S. Patent No. 4,712,867).

This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, solely in order to reduce the issues and expedite prosecution, independent claims 1 and 21 are above amended to recite the features of Figures 10(a) and 10(b), respectively. These features are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's concerns are now overcome and the claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-6 and 21-27 remain presented for continued prosecution.

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